Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is an international organization started in 1890 for the purpose of improving the social, cultural and physical environment and to be of service to others through volunteerism; and,

Whereas, The volunteer work consists mainly of, but is not limited to, six areas: Arts, education, conservation, home life, international affairs and public affairs; and,

Whereas, The GFWC maintains, as the source of its public policy initiatives, resolutions that are adopted at annual conventions and reflect the organization's consensus on issues of national and international importance; and,

Whereas, The GFWC provides organizational structure and obtains sponsorship and support to develop program materials for member clubs that further their volunteer service mission; and,

Whereas, The GFWC encourages its membership to develop a vital and continuing commitment to community improvement; and,

Whereas, The members of the GFWC in all communities celebrate annually their organization which began on April 24, 1890, and was chartered by President William McKinley and the United States Congress on March 3, 1901:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2007, as

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to recognize the full value and significant contributions these clubs have made in their communities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State